

Bill hangs

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The bill proposed to form a nine-member ethics committee led by the Speaker to investigate allegations against lawmakers. The ethics committee would have representatives from lawmakers of all political parties.

On the matter of freedom of speech in parliament, the bill said lawmakers' speeches must follow the norms of democracy and tolerance. Their speeches must be objective, thoughtful and logical. They should consciously avoid causing harm to any individual who does not enjoy the same privileges [of a parliamentarian], the bill says.

The bill requires that the legislators should not knowingly mislead the parliament or the public through the statements they make. The bill also imposes an obligation upon them to correct parliamentary records as soon as possible when incorrect statements are made unintentionally.

The demand for passage of the bill has come to the forefront again following the recent vulgar words used by some lawmakers in parliament.

"Passage of the bill has been an urgent need to protect the dignity of the House," former adviser to a caretaker government M Hafizuddin Khan told The Daily Star on Friday.

Abdul Matin Khasru, chief of the parliamentary standing committee on the private members' bills and resolutions, said some lawmakers' use of vulgar words have not only tainted their images but has also undermined the dignity of the parliament.

"It is contempt of parliament. So the MP [member of parliament] who is accused of the offence should face punishment," said Khasru, also a former law minister.

Khasru, also law secretary of ruling Awami League, yesterday said he would talk to the leader of the House today or tomorrow requesting her to have the bill placed for voting.

Snowden

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asylum request from Edward J. #Snowden."

Ecuador, member of an alliance of leftist governments in Latin America, is sheltering WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange at its London embassy.

Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa has good ties with WikiLeaks and is in a politically confident mood after his recent landslide reelection, writes Reuters.

On its Twitter feed, WikiLeaks said Snowden "is bound for the Republic of Ecuador via a safe route for the purposes of asylum, and is being escorted by diplomats and legal advisors from WikiLeaks."

Snowden, 30, landed at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport on a scheduled Aeroflot flight at 5:05 pm (1305 GMT), an AFP correspondent at the airport said.

He did not emerge into

the main terminal area where crowds of journalists quizzed his jet-lagged and bewildered fellow passengers if they had seen the fugitive ex-agent on the flight.

Airport officials said Snowden in fact never crossed the border and would spend the night in the Vozdushny Express "capsule hotel" inside the departures area ahead of his next flight.

Primark warns

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Primark was one of around 40 brands producing clothes within Rana Plaza. The disaster highlighted the working conditions in Bangladesh's £13 billion per year garment industry and the plight of millions of workers who are paid as little as £25 a month.

Rana Plaza was built on unstable ground using poor-quality materials,

while two floors were added to a design that had been approved for six-storey only. Kirk said that Primark tried to safeguard the workers producing its clothing, but admitted that it had not carried out structural surveys of buildings. The firm keeps eight permanent staff in Bangladesh to monitor conditions in its factories, and works with local partners to train factory owners

in safety. But Kirk said brands needed government support to ensure that safety laws were being enforced.

"When you look at the ethical audits that we are carrying out, the majority of what we are checking is that factories are meeting legal requirements. We would hope that governments are supporting an infrastructure that is monitoring those requirements as well," she said.

An unusual request

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economic packages from government and non-government organisations."

Limon, 19, said the chairman also told him that the commission had sent letters to the home ministry, requesting withdrawal of the "false cases" against him.

He quoted the NHRC boss as saying, "You cannot win a fight against the state or government, but considering your financial state, I personally suggest you withdraw the case if you wish."

Mizanur said all this when Limon met him yesterday.

Limon, currently in the capital recovering from an ear operation, was shot in the left leg on his way to bring back cattle home at Chhaturia village of Jhalakathi on March 23, 2011. His leg had to be amputated later.

A team from Rab-8, led by Deputy Additional Director Lutfor Rahman, was involved

in the shooting.

Following the incident, the Rapid Action Battalion director said Limon was the victim of a "shootout". Yet, the crime busters filed false cases against him on charges of possessing firearms and obstructing law enforcers from discharging duties.

In April that year, Limon's mother Henowara Begum sued six Rab officials for attempt to murder.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, Limon said he would leave it to Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK), which is providing him with financial, medical and legal support, and the NHRC to decide what will be best for him.

Queried if he wants to withdraw the case, Limon said, "I don't want another Limon to lose what I have lost. I want to continue with the case to see what law can do for the poor."

Mizanur said the com-

Extent of graft declines at upper level

Says outgoing ACC chief

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Anti-Corruption Commission Chairman Ghulam Rahman, on the last day of his four-year tenure yesterday, claimed corruption had subsided in the upper levels, while it remained unchanged through the mid to lower levels.

He identified lengthy trial processes as the main hindrance to the commission's activities and urged his successor for the interim period, Badiuzzaman Khan, to concentrate more on the prosecution processes by the anti-graft body.

Ghulam Rahman, the first commissioner to have completed the full tenure as chairman since ACC's formation in 2004, made the comments to reporters at the ACC office in the capital yesterday afternoon.

He said corruption could be further contained if per-capita income rose to \$1,500 by 2021.

Asked whether the ACC was used as a tool to repress the opposition, he said the commission took actions against only those political leaders about whose alleged graft it had enough information gleaned through investigation.

Ghulam, however, was widely criticised by the media for the way the ACC handled the Padma Bridge graft conspiracy case. Ex-communications minister Syed Abdul Hossain's name was not included in the case filed by the ACC last year despite it was repeatedly mentioned by the World Bank.

Regarding corruption allegations against common people, he said, "It has become a tradition in our country to bring wholesale corruption allegations without being sure, but it's not proper."

The outgoing chief also said the ACC alone would not be able to fight corruption if the social and administrative structures and legal processes were not changed.

9 directors reject GB

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The recent revelation of the suggestions to be made by the Grameen Bank Inquiry Commission dominated the meeting held at the GB headquarters in Dhaka. The board members also discussed regular issues like the organisation's annual audit and dividends.

"We [board members and borrowers] are fine with the current structure. It [GB] will operate in the same way in the future," Tahsina told The Daily Star, citing the latest audit according to which there was no flaw in the GB's operation.

The board members also criticised the recent comment by Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu that GB is not a personal property of anyone.

Inu should not have made such a comment, said Tahsina, a spokesperson for the women directors.

"Of course, it is not anybody's personal property. It is our property. It is the

property of rural women. We have brought Grameen Bank this far with our small savings.

"We have been able to protect our property. We strongly believe that we will be able to continue to do so in future," said Tahsina.

The women borrowers and members of the GB have put it on a strong footing brick by brick and "we will not allow anybody to take the bank from us."

Tahsina also said the commission had not discussed with the board whether there was any need to bring changes to the organisation.

All the nine board members, who were elected at the grassroots level, government-nominated three members, including the chairman, and the acting managing director were present in the meeting.

The women board members said the commission had neither sat with them nor had it written to them

regarding the matter but it was planning to submit a report with the recommendations.

The nine members will hold a press conference in the capital today to condemn the commission's move.

The three-member commission which was set up in September last year is planning to recommend that Grameen Bank be divided into at least 19 zones in the shape of state-run Rural Electrification Board that supplies power to rural areas at discounted rates.

It also came up with an idea of GB's reformation in the format of Shilpa Bank, now Bangladesh Development Bank, where the government owns at least 51 percent share.

The government formed the commission to review the activities of Grameen Bank and 48 other legally independent organisations founded by Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus.

65pc women migrants

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respondents said their employers had denied them medical treatment or neglected them," said Mahrukh Mohiuddin, consultant at Insight.

The title of the study is "Returnee Women Migrant Workers of Bangladesh: insights into improving the employment experience and opportunities in reintegration".

In some cases, the brokers and employers in the destination countries had seized the workers' visas and other docu-

ments, said Mahrukh, adding language barriers and cultural differences were also an issue.

The returnees had difficulty getting their monthly wages, she said.

The study identified some other problem areas, including strict employment conditions and improper training facilities abroad.

Around 40% of the respondents had no education while more than 65% received no training before migrating.

The study recommended

that female migrants be provided with basic education, training and proper information about their jobs. The embassies should be more proactive and the government should explore opportunities beyond Gulf countries.

Nishat A Chowdhury, national programme officer of the IOM, chaired the programme, which was also addressed by Begum Shamsunnahar, director general of the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training.

Got a headache?

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University of Maryland report.

This short, bushy perennial has yellow-green leaves and small daisy-like flowers that resemble chamomile. Eat the leaves freshly picked, either whole or chopped up in salad. One large or three smaller leaves are recommended.

In the University of Maryland study of 270 people with migraines, more than 70 per cent felt

much better after taking two to three leaves daily. Leaves can be dried and stored and retain their effectiveness.

Meanwhile another weed, horseradish, contains glucosinolates that have anti-bacterial properties and may expel mucus, according to a Michigan University report.

Serve fresh and raw in salads. A standard portion of 80g daily has been shown to be effective. Two teaspoons of chopped fresh

leaves can be used to make watercress tea.

Radish lowers blood pressure. Both wild and cultivated radish can have blood-pressure-lowering effects.

Compounds found in the leaves increase levels of nitric oxide in the blood, which is known to widen blood vessels, say Korean researchers. Radishes also have high levels of potassium, which may help blood vessels relax.

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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১।	সম্মানায়/বিভাগ	দুর্যোগ ব্যবস্থাপনা ও ত্রাণ মন্ত্রণালয়।
২।	সংস্থা	দুর্যোগ ব্যবস্থাপনা অধিদপ্তর।
৩।	যে কাজের জন্য দরপত্র আহবান করা হলো	২০১২-২০১৩ অর্থ বছরে নব-জীবন কর্মসূচির আওতায় ঘূর্ণিঝড় আশ্রয়কেন্দ্র সেরামত।
৪।	দরপত্র আহবানের সূত্র	৫১.০১.০০০০.০২৫.১৪.০১৩.১২-১৮৭ তারিখ: ২৩/০৬/২০১৩ খ্রিঃ।
৫।	ক্রয়/সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM)।
৬।	বাজেট ও তহবিলের উৎস	জিওবি।
৭।	টেন্ডার প্যাকেজের নাম	বরিশাল বিভাগের পটুয়াখালী জেলার ০৩টি এবং বরগুনা জেলায় ০১টি সহ মোট ০৪টি ঘূর্ণিঝড় আশ্রয়কেন্দ্র সেরামত।
৮।	দরপত্র প্রচারের তারিখ	২৪/০৬/২০১৩ খ্রিঃ।
৯।	দরপত্র বিক্রির তারিখ	২৬/০৬/২০১৩ খ্রিঃ।
১০।	দরপত্র বিক্রির শেষ তারিখ	২৪/০৭/২০১৩ খ্রিঃ।
১১।	দরপত্র গ্রহণের তারিখ ও সময়	২৬/০৭/২০১৩ খ্রিঃ, বেলা ১২.৩০ পর্যন্ত।
১২।	দরপত্র উন্মুক্ত করণের তারিখ	২৬/০৭/২০১৩ খ্রিঃ, বেলা ৩.০০ পর্যন্ত।

১৩। কাজের নাম ও প্যাকেজের বিবরণঃ

জেলা	উপজেলা	ইউনিয়ন	প্যাকেজ	কাজের নাম	টেন্ডার ডকুমেন্টের মূল্য (অফেরতযোগ্য)	টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটি মূল্য (ফেরতযোগ্য)	কাজের সময়সীমা
পটুয়াখালী	দশমিনা	দশমিনা	১	সৈয়দ জাকার সরকারী প্রাথমিক বিদ্যালয়, (বিশিষ্ট নং- ১)	৫০০.০০	৪২,০০০.০০	৯০দিন
"	কলাপাড়া	লালুয়া	২	নিশান বাড়ীয়া দাখিল মাদ্রাসা (বিশিষ্ট নং-১)	৫০০.০০	৪৬,০০০.০০	৯০দিন
"	রাংগাবালী	চরমোহাম্মদ	৩	চরমোহাম্মদ সরকারী প্রাথমিক বিদ্যালয়	৫০০.০০	৩১,০০০.০০	৯০দিন
বরগুনা	পাথরঘাটা,	চরদুয়ানী	৪	১৪নং আনপাড়া আমড়াডালা সরকারী প্রাথমিক বিদ্যালয়	৫০০.০০	৩৪,০০০.০০	

১৪	দরপত্রের দলিলাদি বিক্রয় ও গ্রহণ	সংশ্লিষ্ট উপজেলা নির্বাহী অফিসারের কার্যালয় এবং জেলা ত্রাণ ও পুনর্বাসন কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়।
১৫	দরপত্রের দলিলাদি খোলা	সংশ্লিষ্ট উপজেলা নির্বাহী অফিসারের কার্যালয়।
১৬	বিশেষ নির্দেশাবলীঃ	১) টেন্ডার সিডিউল, সংশ্লিষ্ট উপজেলা নির্বাহী অফিসারের কার্যালয় এবং জেলা ত্রাণ ও পুনর্বাসন কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয় হতে সংগ্রহ করে সংশ্লিষ্ট উপজেলা নির্বাহী অফিসারের কার্যালয় এবং জেলা ত্রাণ ও পুনর্বাসন কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়ে দাখিল করতে হবে। ২) দরপত্র সিডিউলের প্রতি পাতায় ঠিকাদারের স্বাক্ষর ও সীল থাকতে হবে। ৩) দেয় দর নির্ধারিত জায়গায় অংকে এবং কথায় লিখতে হবে। ৪) ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ভ্যাট, আয়কর, আর্থিক স্বচ্ছলতার হালনাগাদ সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত কপিসহ পিপিআর-২০০৮ এ বর্ণিত সকল কাগজপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে। ৫) যে কোন সরকারী/আধাসরকারী/শামিত শাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানের লাইসেন্স থাকলে এ দরপত্রে অংশ গ্রহণ করতে পারবেন। ৬) ইমারত সেরামত/নির্মাণ/রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ কাজের ৯.০০ (নয় লক্ষ) টাকার একক কার্যাদেশের অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে। অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র দাখিলে বার্ষিক হলে দরপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।
১৭	দরপত্র আহবানকারীর নাম	মোহাম্মদ আনিছুর রহমান
১৮	দরপত্র আহবানকারীর পদবী ও পদমর্যাদা	পরিচালক (মুওণ) ও প্রকল্প পরিচালক
১৯	দরপত্র আহবানকারীর ঠিকানা ও কোন নং	প্রকল্প পরিচালক (নির্মাণ ও সেরামত অংশ) নব-জীবন প্রকল্প এর কার্যালয়, দুর্যোগ ব্যবস্থাপনা অধিদপ্তর ৯২-৯৩ মহাখালী, বা/এ, ঢাকা-১২১২, ফোনঃ ৯৮৬০৫২৩
২০	সংগ্রাহক সর্বা যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।	

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Announcement

Due to some unavoidable reasons, Book Review doesn't appear this week.

BNP demands

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the recent four city corporation polls. Worried, they [AL] may try to use muscle power in the Gazipur polls," said BNP standing committee member MK Anwar.

"Under the circumstances, we demand armymen look after the polls-time security," he told reporters after placing the demands to the chief election commissioner (CEC) at the Election Commission Secretariat yesterday.

The BNP leader alleged the ruling party itself had abducted and beat up AL rebel Jahangir Alam.

Jahangir who had sought to contest the mayoral post in Gazipur pulled out of the race yesterday.

Anwar also demanded that gazette notifications be issued immediately of the results of Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet and Rajshahi city corporation elections held on June 15.

CEC BRIEFING

In response to BNP's demands, CEC Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad said the EC had been observing the law and order situation in the electoral areas and would take necessary actions.

"They [BNP] have given their version. We are closely monitoring the situation and will act in line with the law," he said while talking to reporters at the EC Secretariat.

He urged all candidates and voters to maintain peaceful atmosphere during the polls.

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Ministry of Defence.

Military Engineer Services.

DW & CE (Army), Dhaka Cantt.

Construction of CNC machine room with aluminium partition wall, Gypsum board ceiling with aluminium framing including ancillary works inside the CV-5 shop in factory area at BOF, Gazipur Cantt.

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